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SUBJECT: MINOTFF MAKES ANOTHER ONE-DAY TRIP TO LIBYA

REF: (A) VALLETTA 1497 (1975), (B) 1374 (1975)

1. GOM PRIME MINISTER MINTOFF MADE ANOTHER ONE-DAY TRIP TO LIBYA ON JANUARY 3. MALTESE PRESS REPORTS STATED THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE QUICK VISIT WAS FOR TALKS WITH LIBYAN LEADERS "ON ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS." IT IS LIKELY THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE A FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECENT AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH A JOINT LIBYAN-MALTESE INDUSTRIAL HOLDING COMPANY, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL B.

2. MINTOFF WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE GOM ATTORNEY GENERAL, EDGAR MIZZI; MAURICE PETROCOCCHINO OF MALTA DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION; JOHN BONNICI, TECHNICAL CONSULTANT TO THE PRIME MINISTER; JOE CAMILLERI, PRIVATE SECRETARY TO THE PRIME MINISTER; AND MOHAMMED GAMMUDI, CHAREG D'AFFAIRES OF THE LIBYAN EMBASSY IN MALTA.

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3. WHILE IN TRIPOLI, MINTOFF REPORTEDLY MET WITH



COLONEL GADHAFI, AS WELL AS THE "MINISTER OF THE  
REVOLUTIONARY COMMAND COUNCIL BEN AMER" (SIC).

4. THE MALTESE PRESS ALSO REPORTED THAT COLONEL  
GADHAFI IS NOW SCHEDULED TO VISIT MALTA, SOMETIME  
IN JANUARY, TO RECEIVE OFFICIALLY THE BADGE AND  
SCROLL OF MALTA'S "SOCIETY OF HONOR," WHICH HE  
TECHNICALLY WAS "AWARDED WITH EFFECT FROM DECEMBER 5,  
1975," DURING MINOTFF'S GAUCHE PROTOCOL MANEUVERS  
SURROUNDING THE STATE VISIT TO MALTA OF ITALIAN  
PRESIDENT LEONE, AS REPORTED IN REFTEL A.

5. COMMENT: AS THE MALTESE PARLIAMENT IS IN RECESS  
UNTIL JANUARY 26, IT IS NOT LIKELY THAT ANY SIGNIFICANT  
DETAILS OF THIS MINTOFF-GADHAFI MEETING WILL BE MADE  
PUBLIC. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT IT WAS ONLY ANOTHER  
OF MINTOFF'S EFFORTS TO KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM OF HIS  
SO-CALLED CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GADHAFI IN THE  
HOPES OF OBTAINING ASSISTANCE FOR THE MALTESE  
ECONOMY. SMITH

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